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Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2010

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Cook County Conference Room Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Board Members:

Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch- representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago, and non-voting member Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Bob Dean, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Ylda Capriccioso and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Bill Browne-State Treasurer, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council of Mayors, John Donovan-FHWA, David Kralik-Metra, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Jason Saaveda-UIC, David Seglin-CDOT, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council, Lan Ward Kane Kondall Council of Mayors, and

Jan Ward-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, and.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:38 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2010 board meeting, as presented, made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini, seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP, on behalf of our consortium partners, had submitted an application to HUD for the Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Regional Planning Grant Program. The purpose of the Chicago region application is to advance the implementation of *GO TO 2040*. A list of the consortium partners and an abstract had been provided. Blankenhorn also reported that the agency's FY 2010 Annual Report had recently been published and was being distributed to the Illinois General Assembly members.

5.0 Committee Reports

Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the one major item on the early morning meeting's agenda was a discussion of the public comments received on *GO TO 2040* and numerous minor changes that were made to the plan based on the comments. The areas affected included: the importance of arts and culture, the addition of a section on forecasts for demographic change (specifically the aging population), reorganization of the recommendations on water and energy (with more discussion of flooding and stormwater management) rewriting of some sections related to local food recommendations, the addition of more discussion related to bicycling, additional detailed descriptions of the fiscally unconstrained capital projects, additional discussion on the role of workforce boards, and clarification of the role of a tax policy task force.

6.0 End of the Year Legislative Wrap-up

CMAP staff Ylda Capriccioso briefly reported the end of the year legislative wrap-up that had been included in the Board packet. Chairman Jerry Bennett reported that IML would be opposing legislation related to the road fund and a possible two-month "sweep" during October and November and CMAP may be asked to join in opposition to that legislation. A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch that should it become necessary CMAP would oppose legislation related to a two-month sweep of MFT funds to municipalities. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Revised GO TO 2040 Final Draft

- 7.1 October 13, 2010 Launch Event: Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reminded the Board to mark their schedules for the joint meeting with the MPO Policy Committee at 9:30 a.m., on October 13, 2010 and Launch event, meant to celebrate completion, offer thanks and build momentum for implementation. The event is scheduled to conclude in the early afternoon.
- 7.2 *Summary of Public Comments*: Blankenhorn reported that in response to the many public comments, staff had assembled a document "Summary &

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Responses to Public Comments" that had been included in the mailing with the final draft of the *GO TO 2040* and that once the plan is adopted, partners will receive letters tailored to the specific comments made. Blankenhorn also suggested this would be the final opportunity to hear Board members' concerns.

7.3 Review and Final Comment on the Revised Draft: Board members weighed in on the following topics. Transparency had been illustrated in the breakdown of the public comments and how each was addressed in the plan. All the public comment was acknowledged and appreciated as was time and effort in development.

Joe Deal commented that from the City of Chicago's perspective, the numerous departments that commented on the plan felt that CMAP did a good job addressing their concerns and look forward to adopting the plan next month. Alan Bennett voiced the following comments: flooding and stormwater was not addressed in enough detail in the plan. Specifically, the hydraulic capacity of combined sewer systems and associated costs of nearly \$12 million to municipalities for retrofits was not addressed. The possibility of addressing these concerns by a task force was suggested. Additionally, in terms of major capital projects, there was no project addressing north, south movement included in the plan and specifically the cross-town expressway was not included in the recommended projects. Following a discussion by the Board, the staff agreed to look again at the stormwater and sewer infrastructure language within the plan. Frank Beal commented that from a business perspective, the plan is very positive and that the business community will appreciate that someone is paying attention to the future and that choices are being made about capital projects. The recommendation to address tax policy is good for business too. Other commenters suggested changes demographically will need to be considered as the region moves forward. CMAP's working committees and the role they played was also acknowledged, as well as leadership given by the Board. Everyone should be proud of the work that was done and it is hoped this will be a model for others.

7.4 Board Member Message Training: Training was scheduled to take place immediately following the Board meeting.

8.0 Other Business

CMAP's newest Board member, a city of Chicago appointee, Susan Campbell was introduced and Stephen Schlickman, Executive Director of the RTA and MPO Policy Committee representative was acknowledged for his service to the CMAP Board. Schlickman will retire from the RTA at the end of September.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

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10.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board will meet next on October 13, 2010.

11.0 Adjournment

Following the messaging training at approximately 11:30 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Frank Beal and seconded by Russell Hartigan. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 13, 2010.

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